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1st February, 1917.

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## ARMY ORDERS.

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### I.—War Savings.

A.O. 44.  
1917.

*Cessation of issue of 6 per cent. Exchequer Bonds.*

<u>36</u> <u>Gen. No.</u> <u>1351</u>	With regard to the arrangements for the investment of pay in Government securities issued in connection with the war (Army Orders 116, 158, 224 and 391 of 1916), it should be noted that the issue of 6 per cent. Exchequer Bonds ceased at the end of December, 1916. The issue of War Savings Certificates continues. A further announcement will be made as soon as any other security may be available.
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*Published on the 9th January, 1917.*

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## ROYAL WARRANTS.

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### II.—Meritorious Service Medal.

A.O. 45.  
1917.

GEORGE R.I.

<u>68</u> <u>Gen. No.</u> <u>2810</u>	WHEREAS by the Royal Warrant of the 19th December, 1845, a silver medal, entitled "The Meritorious Service Medal," was created to be awarded to serjeants who rendered distinguished or meritorious service, and by the Royal Warrant of the 10th June, 1884, was extended to all soldiers above the rank of corporal, and by Our Warrant of the 4th October, 1916, was extended to non-commissioned officers below the rank of serjeant and to men for valuable and meritorious service;
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AND WHEREAS WE are desirous of extending the conditions under which this medal may be awarded;

IT IS OUR WILL AND PLEASURE and We do hereby ordain that the Meritorious Service Medal may be

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A.O. 45  
1917  
*continued.* awarded to warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men who are duly recommended for the grant in respect of gallant conduct in the performance of military duty otherwise than in action against the enemy, or in saving or attempting to save the life of an officer or soldier, or for devotion to duty in a theatre of war.

IT IS OUR FURTHER WILL AND PLEASURE that Our Warrant, dated the 1st December, 1914, governing the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and Non-effective Pay of Our Army shall be amended, with effect as from the 4th October, 1916, as follows :—

1. The following shall be *substituted* for Article 1157 :—

A.O. 45.  
1917. 1157. An additional pension of 6*d.* a day for Europeans and 3*d.* a day for non-Europeans referred to in Article 1151, may be granted to a pensioner who is in possession of the Victoria Cross, the Military Cross, or the Medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field, or the Meritorious Service Medal, if awarded in respect of gallant conduct and deemed to merit the additional pension.

2. The following shall be *substituted* for Article 1227 :—

A.O. 45.  
1917. 1227. A Silver Medal for “Meritorious Service” may be awarded to a soldier who fulfils the conditions laid down in the King’s Regulations as regards valuable and meritorious service, or has been recommended for the medal on account of gallant conduct in the performance of military duty otherwise than in action, or in saving or attempting to save the life of an officer or soldier, or for devotion to duty in a theatre of war.

3. In Article 1228, 5th line, *for* “the medal for meritorious service” the following shall be *substituted* :—

A.O. 45.  
1917. “the Meritorious Service Medal, if granted for valuable and meritorious service”.

4. Article 1229 shall be *cancelled*.

Given at Our Court at St. James’s, this 3rd day of January, 1917, in the 7th year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty’s Command,

DERBY.

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III.—Storekeeping Section of the Royal Flying Corps. A.O. 46.  
1917.

GEORGE R.I.

Gen. No. 6  
5321 WHEREAS We deem it expedient to provide suitable rates of pay for warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of Our Royal Flying Corps employed in the Storekeeping Section of that Corps ;

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that these soldiers shall from the date of this Our Warrant be paid at the same rates as soldiers of Our Royal Flying Corps employed as clerks, as laid down in Our Warrant of 20th December, 1916, with the exception of 3rd class air mechanics, who shall be paid the 1s. rate instead of 1s. 8d. as laid down therein.

These rates shall not apply to soldiers now serving as storekeepers who shall continue to draw their present rates until promoted, when they shall receive the new rates under the same conditions as those applicable to the clerks of the Royal Flying Corps.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this 8th day of January, 1917, in the 7th year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

DERBY.

IV.—King's Regulations—Amendments. A.O. 47.  
1917.  
*Meritorious Service Medal.*

For the first 9 lines of paragraph 1747 *substitute*—

68  
Gen. No.  
2810 1747. The form and time of recommendation for the grant of the Meritorious Service Medal depend on whether it relates to (a) devotion to duty in a theatre of war, or gallant conduct ; or (b) valuable and meritorious service. A.O. 47.  
1917.

When recommended under (a), a full report should be rendered in duplicate to the War Office through the usual channels at the time of the occurrence. When recommending for gallantry, the G.O.C. should record his opinion whether the case merits the grant of the additional pension of 6d. a day, should the man ultimately be discharged with a pension. No other documents are required.

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A.O. 47  
1917. *continued.* As regards (b), a recommendation for the medal in respect of valuable and meritorious service may be submitted only if the candidate has served for 21 years with the colours (except in the case of invalids, who may be recommended if discharged after 18 years' service), and if he has served in a regular unit. The annuity in respect of the medal is limited to ranks above that of corporal. The following instructions should be followed :—

- (i) Recommendations should be in letter form, accompanied by certified copies of the conduct sheets and records of service on A.F. B 200. They should be forwarded direct to the War Office by the O.C. the regular unit to which the candidate belongs.

Paragraph 1747 *add* at the end—

- A.O. 47.  
1917. (vi) The possession of the medal for gallant conduct or devotion under (a) above does not qualify for the annuity ; but a soldier above the rank of corporal holding the medal on that ground may be recommended for registration if and when he fulfils the other conditions required under (b).

A.O. 48.  
1917. V.—Pay Warrant—Amendment.—The following will be inserted as an Army Council's Instruction to Article 909 (b) :— 30  
Engineers  
3289

A.O. 48.  
1917. § Article 909 (b).—This additional pay will be limited to soldiers employed as telephone switchboard operators in central telephone exchanges in military garrisons.

*Published on the 15th January, 1917.*

A.O. 49.  
1917. VI.—ROYAL WARRANT.

Pensions for Widows, &c., of Soldiers holding (paid) acting rank.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS We deem it expedient that paid acting rank granted to a soldier shall count during the present war for certain non-effective emoluments as though it were permanent rank ; 30  
A.S.C.  
1875

Army Orders.—February, 1917.

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE is that if, during the present war, a soldier dies, or is wounded or injured, while holding paid acting rank, any resulting grant of pension or gratuity to his widow and children or other dependants, or any pension awarded to the soldier in consequence of medical unfitness caused by the wound or injury may be made at the rate appropriate to the acting instead of the permanent rank. A.O. 49  
1917  
*continued.*

In the case of a warrant or non-commissioned officer who re-enlisted during the war and was promoted with paid acting rank, the rank taken for any non-effective purpose shall never be lower than the permanent rank held by him on discharge from his previous engagement, provided that the soldier held at least equal paid acting rank at the date of the casualty.

IT IS OUR FURTHER WILL AND PLEASURE that this Our Warrant shall be applicable to any case which has arisen since the beginning of the war, but no increased payment thereunder shall begin before the 3rd November, 1916.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this 10th day of January, 1917, in the 7th year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

DERBY.

<p>54 Gen. No. 2360</p>	<p>VII.—Silver War Badge.—His Majesty the King has approved of the Silver War Badge granted under Army Order 316 of 1916, being issued to officers and men of the British, Indian and Overseas Forces who have served since the 4th August, 1914, and who, in the case of officers, have retired or relinquished their commissions, or, in the case of men, have been discharged from the Army, on account of old age, wounds or sickness, such as would render them permanently unfit for further military service, provided their claims are approved by the Army Council.</p>	<p>A.O. 50. 1917.</p>
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<p>Contracts K 972</p>	<p>VIII.—Issue of Razors to Men joining the Colours.—All men joining the Colours, whether by direct enlistment or from the Reserve, on or after the 1st February, 1917, will be issued with a razor in kind.</p>	<p>A.O. 51. 1917.</p>
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**A.O. 51**      Recruits who on joining are in possession of a satisfactory razor will receive payment of 1s. (one shilling) **1917**  
*continued.*      in lieu of the issue of a razor.

This order will apply to the Territorial Force as well as to the Regular and New Armies.

Army Order 113 of 1916 is hereby cancelled, as from 1st February, 1917.

*Published on the 18th January, 1917.*

**A.O. 52.**      IX.—Temporary Allowance to Invalided Soldiers      7  
**1917.**      pending Settlement of Claim to Pension.—When      Gen. No.  
no intimation of the man's discharge has been received      8110  
either by the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital or the Central Army Pensions Issue Office by the date of discharge, arrears of temporary allowance shall not be granted for more than a fortnight before such intimation is received; or if an application is previously received from the discharged man, for more than a fortnight before the date of that application.

**A.O. 53.**      X.—Army Pay Offices—Addresses.—With reference      18  
**1917.**      to paragraph 4 of Army Order 314, of 1916, it is notified      Gen. No.  
for the information of all concerned that the addresses      5545  
of the following Army Pay Offices are as stated below, and all communications for the Regimental Paymasters concerned should be so addressed in future :—

(a) Horse Transport, Supply, and Labour Section,  
Army Service Corps,  
The Huts,  
Woolwich Common,  
Woolwich, S.E.

(b) Mechanical Transport Section,  
Army Service Corps,  
Cambridge Barracks,  
Woolwich, S.E.

(c) Remount Section,  
Departmental Corps and Remounts,  
107, Upper Thames Street, E.C.

*Published on the 20th January, 1917.*

<p>86 Gen. No. 1852</p>	<p>XI.—War Savings.—Investment in the new A.O. 54. (5 per cent.) War Loan and Conversions of 1917. 4½ per cent. War Loan and Exchequer Bonds.—</p>
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1. The special arrangements for investment by soldiers through the Regimental Paymasters in the Post Office issues of Government securities in connection with the war (Army Orders 116 and 298 of 1916) will apply to the new 5 per cent. War Loan as follows:—Applications should be made on Army Form W 3273, the description "5 per cent. War Loan" being entered in paragraph 2 of the form.

*Extension of time of application in the case of soldiers abroad.*

2. The period during which subscriptions will be received from soldiers in the United Kingdom ends on 16th February, 1917. In the case of soldiers abroad applications dated later than 16th February will be accepted, but they must be made within a fortnight of the receipt by the Officer Commanding of this Order. The same conditions apply to applications for conversion or any expression of dissent as regards conversion (*see below*).

*Investment in new War Loan.*

3. The Loan is issued at the price of 95*l.* per cent., *i.e.*, 4*l.* 15*s.* for each 5*l.* of Loan. The amount entered in the Application Form, Army Form W 3273, must be 4*l.* 15*s.*, or a multiple thereof, up to any amount. Not less than 4*l.* 15*s.* can be accepted for investment in the new Loan.

4. The first dividend, due on 1st June, 1917, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum from 16th February will amount to 1*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.* on each 100*l.* (1*s.* 5*d.* on each 5*l.* of Loan). On 1st December, 1917, and thenceforward each half-year, a dividend of 2*l.* 10*s.* for each 100*l.* (2*s.* 6*d.* on each 5*l.* of loan) will be payable.

5. The Loan will be repaid at par (*i.e.*, 5*l.* for each 4*l.* 15*s.* now lent), not earlier than 1st June, 1929, and not later than 1st June, 1947. The amount invested, or any part thereof, may, however, be sold at any time through the Post Office at the market price, a small commission being charged. The Government is setting up a special fund, with the object of keeping up the market price, if necessary.

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**A.O. 54** 6. Dividends will be payable without deduction of  
**1917** Income Tax; but persons liable to Income Tax must  
*continued* include such dividends in their returns of income.

7. The new 4 per cent. (Income Tax Compounded) War Loan is not issued by the Post Office and cannot be purchased through the Regimental Paymaster.

8. The success of the Loan is of the utmost importance to the Nation and the Empire and it is the desire of the Army Council that soldiers may be given every opportunity and encouragement to invest.

*Conversion of 4½ per cent. War Loan and of  
Exchequer Bonds.*

9. Holdings of less than 100*l.* in 4½ per cent. War Loan Stock or in 5 per cent. Exchequer Bonds will automatically be converted into the new 5 per cent. Loan unless dissent is notified by letter to the Controller of the Post Office Savings Bank, London, W.

10. Holdings of 6 per cent. Exchequer Bonds (any amount) and holdings of 100*l.* or more in 4½ per cent. War Loan Stock or 5 per cent. Exchequer Bonds will not be converted unless application is made by letter to the Controller of the Post Office Savings Bank.

11. Where holdings are converted, 105*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.* of new Loan will be issued for each 100*l.* of old Loan or Bonds; and proportionately, *i.e.*, 5*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.* for each 5*l.* of old Loan or Bonds.

12. The first dividend (payable on 1st June, 1917) on holdings to be converted will consist of interest accrued to 16th February, 1917, on the old holdings, together with interest from 16th February, 1917, on the new holdings which will result from conversion.

*War Savings Certificates and Deposits in Post Office  
Savings Bank.*

13. The arrangements for investment in the 1*l.* for 15*s.* 6*d.* War Savings Certificates and for deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank continue unchanged.

*Applications dated on or after 1st January, 1917,  
for 6 per cent. Exchequer Bonds.*

14. As announced in Army Order I of 4th January, 1917, the issue of 6 per cent. Exchequer Bonds ceased at the end of December, 1916. Money assigned on or

after 1st January, 1917, for investment in Exchequer Bonds, will provisionally be invested in War Savings Certificates. An opportunity will be given to each investor to modify this arrangement if desired and a separate communication on the subject will be sent to him by the General Post Office.

A.O. 54  
1917  
*continued.*

*Published on the 24th January, 1917.*

**XII.—ROYAL WARRANT.**

A.O. 55.  
1917.

**Separation Allowances.**

GEORGE R.I.

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WHEREAS WE deem it expedient to make in certain cases a further increase in the provision already made for the maintenance of the families of soldiers of Our Army;

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE is that with effect from 15th January, 1917, and during the remaining period of the present war, the following additions shall be made to the weekly rates of separation allowance for children (other than motherless children) under 14 years of age, of soldiers classed for allowances in Class 20:—

Number of children under age of 14 in the family.	- Increase.
1	s. d. 2 0
2	3 6
3	5 0
4	6 0

and a further 1s. for each additional child.

For the family of a soldier of Class 19, or higher rank, the weekly payment, including the minimum allotment of pay, shall be 2s. 6d. in excess of that for a similar family in Class 20, except where a higher rate is issuable under Our Warrant of 25th February, 1915 when such higher rate shall continue.

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A.O. 55 For motherless children, under 14 years of age, of  
1917 soldiers of all ranks an addition shall be made of 2s.  
*continued.* for each child living singly, and where two or more  
children of the same family live together, of 2s. for the  
first and of 1s. for each other child.

The grants for children over the age of 14 shall  
continue at the same rates and under the same  
conditions as at present.

Given at Our Court of St. James's, this 23rd  
day of January, 1917, in the 7th year of  
Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,  
DERBY.

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**Definition of "Corps" for the purposes of the** **A.O. 56.**  
**Army Act.** **1917.**

GEORGE, R.I.

**20**  
**Gen. No.** **WHEREAS** We deem it expedient to amend Our  
**4368** Warrant, dated 7th July, 1916, defining the expression  
"Corps" for the purposes of the Army Act ;

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that the following  
further amendments shall be made in the Schedule  
to the aforesaid Warrant :—

(i.) The 29th and 30th (City of London) Battalions  
of The London Regiment shall be shown under The  
Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

(ii.) The 31st and 32nd (County of London) Battalions  
of The London Regiment shall be shown under The  
King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this 8th  
day of January, 1917, in the 7th year of  
Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

DERBY.

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**Grant of Honorary Rank to Brigadier-Generals** **A.O. 57.**  
**on Retirement.** **1917.**

GEORGE, R.I.

**100**  
**Gen. No.** **WHEREAS** We deem it expedient to make provision  
**8449** for the grant to brigadier-generals of honorary rank as  
such, on retirement, in the same manner as other  
general officers ;



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**A.O. 57**    OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that the words  
**1917**    "brigadier-general" shall be *inserted after* "rank of"  
*continued.* in the first and fifth lines of Article 81 of Our Warrant  
of the 1st December, 1914, for the Pay, Appointment,  
Promotion and Non-Effective Pay of Our Army.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this 22nd  
day of January, 1917, in the 7th year of  
Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

DERBY.

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**INSTRUCTIONS, REGULATIONS, &c.**

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**A.O. 58.**    **Victoria Cross.**—1. His Majesty the King has been    **012**  
**1917.**    graciously pleased to confer the Victoria Cross on the    **2631**  
undermentioned officers :—

Captain William Anderson Bloomfield, South  
African Mounted Brigade.

For most conspicuous bravery. Finding that, after  
being heavily attacked in an advanced and isolated  
position, the enemy were working round his flanks,  
Captain Bloomfield evacuated his wounded, and sub-  
sequently withdrew his command to a new position, he  
himself being the last to retire.

On arrival at the new position he found that one of  
the wounded—No. 2475 Corporal D. M. P. Bowker—  
had been left behind. Owing to very heavy fire he  
experienced difficulties in having the wounded Corporal  
brought in.

Rescue meant passing over some 400 yards of open  
ground, swept by heavy fire, in full view of the enemy.

This task Captain Bloomfield determined to face  
himself, and, unmindful of personal danger, he suc-  
ceeded in reaching Corporal Bowker and carrying him  
back, subjected throughout the double journey to heavy  
machine-gun and rifle fire.

This act showed the highest degree of valour and  
endurance.

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Temporary Lieutenant Eugene Paul Bennett, A.O. 58  
Worcestershire Regiment. 1917

For most conspicuous bravery in action when in command of the second wave of the attack. Finding that the first wave had suffered heavy casualties, its commander killed and the line wavering, Lieutenant Bennett advanced at the head of the second wave, and by his personal example of valour and resolution reached his objective with but sixty men. *continued.*

Isolated with his small party, he at once took steps to consolidate his position under heavy rifle and machine gun fire from both flanks, and although wounded, he remained in command directing and controlling.

He set an example of cheerfulness and resolution beyond all praise, and there is little doubt that but for his personal example of courage, the attack would have been checked at the outset.

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The foregoing appeared in the *London Gazette*, dated 30th December, 1916.

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2. His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to confer the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned men:—

No. 12/21 Private John Cunningham, East Yorkshire Regiment.

For most conspicuous bravery and resource during operations.

After the enemy's front line had been captured, Private Cunningham proceeded with a bombing section up a communication trench. Much opposition was encountered, and the rest of the section became casualties. Collecting all the bombs from the casualties, this gallant soldier went on alone. Having expended all his bombs, he returned for a fresh supply and again proceeded to the communication trench, where he met a party of 10 of the enemy. These he killed and cleared the trench up to the enemy line.

His conduct throughout the day was magnificent.

No. 7709 Private David Ross Lauder, Royal Scots Fusiliers.

For most conspicuous bravery when with a bombing party retaking a sap.

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**A.O. 58.** Private Lauder threw a bomb, which failed to clear  
**1917.** the parapet and fell amongst the bombing party. There  
*continued.* was no time to smother the bomb, and Private Lauder  
 at once put his foot on it, thereby localizing the  
 explosion. His foot was blown off, but the remainder  
 of the party through this act of sacrifice escaped  
 unhurt.

The foregoing appeared in the *London Gazette*, dated  
 13th January, 1917.

**A.O. 59.** Distinguished Conduct Medal.—Lists of awards 68  
**1917.** which were announced in the *London Gazette*, dated Gen. No.  
 1st and 10th January, 1917, will shortly be issued to 2879  
 all concerned. 0137  
3150

**A.O. 80.** Meritorious Service Medal.—A list of awards 68  
**1917.** which were announced in the *London Gazette*, dated Gen. No.  
 1st January, 1917, will shortly be issued to all 2879  
 concerned.

**A.O. 61.** Military Medal.—Lists of awards which were 68  
**1917.** announced in the *London Gazette*, dated 6th and 22nd 121  
 January, 1917, will shortly be issued to all concerned. 149  
...  
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**A.O. 62.** Militia Long Service Medal.—The following have 68  
**1917.** been awarded the Militia Long Service Medal :— Gen. No.  
2897  
 No. 1875, Serjeant W., Walker, Royal Guernsey Light  
 Infantry, Militia.  
 No. 3546, Serjeant P. Borg, King's Own Malta Regiment of  
 Militia.  
 No. 3779, Serjeant S. Chircop, King's Own Malta Regiment  
 of Militia.

**A.O. 63.** Imperial Yeomanry Long Service Medal.—No. 111, 68  
**1917.** Private T. B. Porteous, late Fife and Forfar Imperial T.F.  
 Yeomanry, has been awarded the Imperial Yeomanry 1314  
 Long Service Medal.

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68 Territorial Force Efficiency Medal.—A list of non- A.O. 64.  
T.F. commissioned officers and men of the Territorial Force 1917.  
1267 who have been awarded the Territorial Force Efficiency Medal will shortly be issued to all concerned.

9 Recognition of Cadet Units.—The following addi- A.O. 65.  
Cadets tional cadet units have been reported as recognized by 1917.  
2390 Territorial Force Associations :—

Territorial Force Association.	Cadet unit.	Territorial Force unit to which affiliated.	Date of recognition by Association.
Derby	Tideswell Cadet Company, Church Lads' Brigade.	...	1917. 8th Jan.
"	Ilkeston County School Cadet Corps	...	22nd Jan.
Dumfries	Wallace Hall Academy (Closeburn) Cadet Corps.	5th (Dumfries and Galloway) Bn. The King's Own Scottish Borderers.	1916. 3rd Dec.
Kent	Borden Grammar School; (Sittingbourne) Cadet Corps.	4th Bn. The Buffs (East Kent Regt.)	24th Nov.
London, City of.	1st Cadet Battalion, Honourable Artillery Company.	Honourable Artillery Company.	27th Dec.
London, County of.	Latymer Upper School (Hammer-smith) Cadet Corps.	13th (County of London) Princess Louise's Kensington Bn. The London Regt.	21st Nov.
Stafford	Burton-on-Frent Grammar School Cadet Corps.	...	26th Dec.

NOTES.—1. The Ashford Grammar School Cadet Corps, recognized in Army Orders 373 of 1913, is affiliated to the Royal East Kent (The Duke of Connaught's Own) Mounted Rifles.

2. The Brierley Hill Cadet Corps, recognized in Army Order 197 of 1910, has been disbanded.

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<b>A.O. 66.</b>	<b>Recognition of Voluntary Aid Detachments.—</b>	<b>83</b>												
<b>1917.</b>	A further list of detachments which have been registered at the War Office is printed as an Appendix to this Order.	<b>7210</b>												
<b>A.O. 67.</b>	<b>Classification for allowances of Officers of the</b>	<b>89</b>												
<b>1917.</b>	<b>Gymnastic Staff.</b> —It is notified for information that the officers whose pay is detailed in Army Order 14 of 1917 should be classified for allowances as follows :—	<b>2807</b>												
	<table><tr><td></td><td>Class.</td></tr><tr><td>Inspector of Physical and Bayonet Training ... ..</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>Commandant and Chief Instructor, Headquarters Gymnasium ...</td><td>7</td></tr><tr><td>Assistant Inspector ... ..</td><td>7</td></tr><tr><td>Superintendent ... ..</td><td>11</td></tr><tr><td>Instructor ... ..</td><td>11</td></tr></table> Quartermasters will be classified as for such officers at educational establishments, according to their rank.		Class.	Inspector of Physical and Bayonet Training ... ..	5	Commandant and Chief Instructor, Headquarters Gymnasium ...	7	Assistant Inspector ... ..	7	Superintendent ... ..	11	Instructor ... ..	11	
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Assistant Inspector ... ..	7													
Superintendent ... ..	11													
Instructor ... ..	11													
<b>A.O. 68.</b>	<b>Explosives, Grenades, &amp;c.</b> —It has been brought to notice that officers and men are in the habit of carrying grenades in their kits. This practice is forbidden. No form of explosive store, such as shells, grenades, bombs, detonators, fuzes, &c., may be carried, either when travelling to and fro between this country and Expeditionary Forces, or when travelling in this country.	<b>121</b>												
<b>1917.</b>		<b>Stores.</b> <b>6558</b>												
<b>A.O. 69.</b>	<b>Distinctions in Dress.</b> —The following will be added to paragraph 3 C., Army Order 92 of 1916 :—	<b>55</b>												
<b>1917.</b>	Director of Labour.	<b>Gen. No.</b> <b>427</b>												
<b>A.O. 69.</b>	Deputy Director of Labour.													
<b>1917.</b>	Assistant Director of Labour.													
	Deputy-Assistant Director of Labour.													
<b>A.O. 70.</b>	<b>King's Regulations—Amendments.</b> —Paragraph 406. <i>Add</i> "and the asylum authorities notified by O.C. Records immediately the discharge has been carried out".	<b>E.</b> <b>L. 236523</b> <b>1</b>												
<b>1917.</b>	2. Paragraph 1024. <i>For</i> the last line of the amendment made by Army Order 236 of 1916 <i>substitute</i> "all overhauled once in every 6 months."	<b>8</b> <b>King's</b> <b>475</b>												

53	Rules for Military Detention Barracks and Military Prisons—Amendments.—1. Scales II and III, pages 46, 48 and 66, where 1 lb. potatoes is included in the Diet Scales, <i>substitute</i> —	A.O. 71. 1917.
Gen. No. 6348		

"Potatoes ... .. 8 ozs.  
Rice... .. 4 ozs."

2. For Appendix I., page 61, *substitute*—

### APPENDIX I.

#### SYLLABUS OF MILITARY TRAINING.

28	The hours for parades are contained in the Time Table of Duties.
Gen. No. 2706	The course of military training consists of the following subjects:—

- (a) Drill (including squad drill with and without arms, extended order drill and signals), physical and bayonet training, and marching.
- (b) Musketry, including miniature cartridge practice.
- (c) Morse signalling (for trained signallers only) and, in addition for Royal Artillery only, semaphore signalling.
- (d) Lectures on skirmishing and scouting, drill, musketry, care of arms; discipline, saluting; crimes and punishments; interior economy, pay, messing; guards and duties; conduct on active service; hygiene, sanitation, and first field dressing.
- (e) Lectures explained on a blackboard in outposts, advanced and rear guards.
- (f) Knots and lashings, construction of bridges.
- (g) Pitching and striking tents.
- (h) Bombing, exclusive of the use of live bombs.

#### MUSKETRY.

Soldiers under sentence who have less than four months' service, or who have not fired a Recruit's Course of Musketry, and others who may be found to be backward, will daily perform musketry consisting of instruction in aiming, firing, &c. They will continue to do so until they are fit to fire a course on the miniature range. Trained soldiers will perform miniature cartridge practice and one hour's musketry drill at least once a week.

Notes on the cleaning of rifles, &c., which can be obtained from the War Office, should be posted in each room for the use of soldiers under sentence.



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<u>A.O. 72.</u> <u>1917.</u>	Probationary Period on Appointment to Com- missions.—With reference to Army Order 11 of 1916 the following paragraph should be <i>added</i> at the end thereof:—	100 <hr/> Gen. No. 3406
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<u>A.O. 72.</u> <u>1917</u>	A probationary period will not be required in the case of candidates who have qualified for appointment to commissions in the Special Reserve of Officers or temporary commissions in the Regular Army or com- missions in the Territorial Force after having undergone the prescribed course of instruction in an Officer Cadet unit.
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<u>A.O. 73.</u> <u>1917.</u>	Musketry Regulations, Part I, 1909, reprinted with Amendments, 1914.—1. Addendum No. 3, "Instructional Course for the Webley or other Pistol," in amendment of Section 90, is being issued to all concerned.	40 <hr/> W.O. 3409
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<u>A.O. 73.</u> <u>1917.</u>	2. Paragraph 295, pages 114 and 115. " <i>Fire</i> ," lines 5—6, <i>delete</i> "foresight on the mark . . . trigger" and <i>substitute</i> "foresight on the mark as the pressure of the trigger is begun. As soon as a correct aim is obtained complete the pressure of the trigger".
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<u>A.O. 74.</u> <u>1917.</u>	Regulations for Civilian Subordinates—Amend- ments.—Paragraph 81 ( <i>d</i> ). In second column (headed "Rate and Period"), line 1, <i>after</i> "Full" for "pay" <i>substitute</i> "remuneration**".	Gen. No. 6 <hr/> 5344
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*Insert* the following additional footnote to page 22:—

\*\* See paragraph 2 of Rule 94 (*b*).

Paragraph 105 (*c*). In second column (headed "First  
period"), lines 1 and 5, *after* "full" for "pay" *substitute*  
"remuneration\*\*".

*Insert* the following additional footnote to page 30:—

\*\* See paragraph 2 of Rule 94 (*b*).

<u>A.O. 75.</u> <u>1917.</u>	Regulations for Army Ordnance Services, Part II, 1914—Amendment. Page 119. <i>Insert</i> fresh paragraph—	57 <hr/> Gen. No. 5988
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*Ground Flares.*

<u>A.O. 75.</u> <u>1917.</u>	641A. Five per cent. of these stores should be examined externally to ascertain if they show signs of deterioration. If their condition appears doubtful,
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two per cent. should be fired. The colour and light must A.O. 75  
be good, and the volume of smoke normal. 1917

In the case of flares over two years of age, two per cent. should be fired for light and time of burning, *continued.*  
irrespective of external conditions.

The time of burning should be at least two minutes.  
Life, three years.

8 Regulations for Magazines and care of War A.O. 76.  
Magazines Matériel.—Amendments have been approved and 1917.  
89 copies will shortly be issued to all concerned.

71 Gun Drills.—1. 6-inch B.L. (26 cwt.) Howitzer— A.O. 77.  
1 Amendment.—Page 10, line 12, add “\*” and 1917.  
5488 footnote—

\* The quick-release gear should be used gently. The gun is A.O. 77.  
so balanced that very little power is required. If the gun is 1917.  
returned to the firing position violently, the elevating arc may  
be severely damaged. Care should also be taken that the  
wooden loading stop under the front of the gun is in the proper  
position before bringing the gun into the loading position,  
otherwise there is nothing to check the cradle coming violently  
in contact with the saddle.

47 2. 4-inch Q.F. Gun, Mark V., 1916.—A revised  
605 edition has been approved and copies will shortly  
be issued to all concerned.

BOOKS, FORMS, &c.

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1917.

*Military Books.*

1. The following book has been placed on sale :—

	Price.
	s. d.
Cavalry—Technical Operations. Cavalry in an Army.	
Cavalry in Battle. Translated from the French of	
Captain Loir ... ..	2 9

*Notification by His Majesty's Stationery Office.*

On 31st December, 1916, the Agency of Messrs.  
Wyman and Sons, Ltd., for the Sale of Government  
publications came to an end, and in future the sale of

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**A.O. 78** these publications will be conducted by the Stationery  
**1917** Office itself, without the intervention of an agent, at  
*continued.* the undermentioned branches :—

London—Imperial House, Kingsway, W.C.  
Cardiff—1, St. Andrew's Crescent.  
Manchester—37, Peter Street.

The sale of Government publications will also continue to be conducted at His Majesty's Stationery Office, 23, Forth Street, Edinburgh ; by Messrs. E. Ponsonby, Ltd., 116, Grafton Street, Dublin ; and by the Agencies of Messrs. T. Fisher Unwin, Ltd., in the British Colonies and Dependencies, in the United States of America, and in other foreign countries.

The Stationery Office publications required for official purposes, and on payment where Army Form L 1372 is used, will be demanded from the War Office as heretofore.

*Army Forms and Books approved.*

2. The following Army Forms and Books have been approved :—

Army Form G 994A, "Indent for Clothing and Necessaries (pads of 150)."

A general distribution of this form has been made. Units not in possession of copies should indent in the usual way.

Army Form G 1096-103, "Inventory of Wagon, Pontoon (or Trestle), Marks V.\* and VI."

This form should be indented for as required.

Army Form O 1603B, "Pay List for Female Clerks."

A distribution of this form has been made to Command and Regimental Paymasters at home.

Army Form O 1823c, "Adjustment of Advances of Pay and Rations of Soldiers who have been transferred to Corps in other payment."

Distribution has been made to Command Paymaster, London District, and Regimental Paymasters at Home.

Army Form W 3243A, "Hospital Index Card."

This form is for use in connection with Expeditionary Force cases only, and should be indented for by Officers i/c Hospitals as required. Army Form W 3243 will now be used for United Kingdom troops exclusively.

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Army Form W 3495, "Temporary Receipt for Clothing and Necessaries." A.O. 73  
1917

Army Form W 3505, "Company Summary of Issue of Clothing and Necessaries." continued.

Army Form W 3506, "Company indent for Clothing and Necessaries."

A general distribution of these three forms has been made. Units not in possession of copies should indent in the usual way.

Army Form W 3518, "Driver's Work Ticket."

Army Form W 3519, "Monthly Vehicle Log Sheet."

Army Form W 3520, "Monthly Running Cost Sheet."

Army Form W 3521, "Monthly Running Cost Summary."

Supplies of the above four forms have been distributed to M.T.A.S.C. Companies concerned.

Army Form W 3525, "Monthly Return of Soldiers permanently incapacitated on account of organic paralysis."

An initial distribution of this form has been made to headquarters of Commands.

Army Form W 3526, "Notice to men requiring them to be medically examined under the Defence of the Realm Regulations 45c.

This form should be indented for by Officers Commanding Recruiting Areas as required.

Army Form W 3527, "Poster Warning as to Wilful Damage to Premises in Military Occupation."

This form should be indented for as required.

Army Form W 3528, "Return of Flying Accidents."

This form should be indented for as required.

Army Form W 3529, "Class P or P (T) Reserve. Statement of Reservist as to Cessation of Pension on being recalled to the Colours."

Supplies of this form have been distributed to Officers i/c Records.

Army Form W 3534, "Monthly By-Product Return."

A distribution of this form has been made to Headquarters of Commands.

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**A.O. 78** Army Form W 3546, "Slip to be sent with postal  
**1917** draft for special payment of increased separation  
*continued.* allowance to wives of soldiers."

Army Form W 3547, "Slip to be sent with postal  
draft for special payment of increased separation  
allowance to dependants (Class B) of soldiers."

Supplies of these two slips have been sent to  
Command Paymaster, London District, Regimental  
Paymasters, and Territorial Force Associations.

Army Form V 4008, "Volunteer Force; authority for  
transfer of a Volunteer to another Corps."

Army Form V 4009, "Volunteer Force; agreement to  
be made by Volunteer officer on joining Section A or  
B."

Army Form V 4010, "Volunteer Force; agreement to  
be made by a Volunteer on joining Section A or B."

These three Volunteer Force Forms should be in-  
dented for by Territorial Force Associations, as required.

Army Form V 4011, "Volunteer Force; Return of  
Strength of Units."

Supplies of this form have been distributed to Terri-  
torial Force Associations.

Army Book 428, "Clothing and Necessaries Ledger"  
[This book supersedes Army Books 284 and 285  
during the period of the war].

A general distribution of this book has been made.  
Units not in possession of copies should indent in the  
usual way.

Army Form G 1096-94, "Schedule for 160 h.p. Beard-  
more, Armstrong-Whitworth Aeroplane."

A distribution of this form has been made to all  
concerned.

### *Mobilization Store Tables.*

Army Form G 1098-33D, "A Home Defence Squadron,  
R.F.C. (18 Aeroplanes)." Dated, December, 1916.

Army Form G 1098-79A, "A Field Bakery (one per  
three Divisions)." Dated, November, 1916.

Army Form G 1098-287, "An Anti-aircraft Battery  
(Home Defence), (Six 75 m/m. Guns on Motor  
Lorries)." Dated, December, 1916.

Army Form G 1098-306, "A Siege Artillery Battery,  
R.G.A., with Mechanical Transport (Two 6-inch,  
26-cwt., and two 8-inch, Mark VI. Howitzers)  
(Egypt)." Dated, December, 1916.



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Army Form G 1098-319, "Workshop, A.S.C., for A.O. 78  
Anti-Aircraft Batteries of an Army." Dated, 1917  
December, 1916. *continued.*

Army Form G 1098-321, "A Road Construction Com-  
pany, R.E." Dated, December 1916.

Army Form G 1098-322, "A Battalion of Canadian  
Railway Troops." Dated, December, 1916.

Army Form G 1098-323, "A Supply Column (Meso-  
potamia)." Dated, December, 1916.

Supplies of the above Mobilization Store Tables have  
been distributed to the A.Ds.O.S. of Commands, and  
Chief Ordnance Officers concerned.

Appendices to Army Form G 1098-33c :—

Appendix H I, "List of Spares for 160-h.p. Beardmore  
Aero Engine."

Appendix L, "List of Spares for De Havilland, No. 1A  
Aeroplane (80 Renault)."

Appendix Z, "List of Spares for Bristol Tractor  
Fighter (F. 2A and F. 2B) Aeroplane."

Appendix X, "List of Spares for F.E. 2D Aeroplane."

Appendix BB, "List of Spares for Sopwith Single-  
Seater (80-h.p. Le Rhone) Aeroplane."

Supplies of these Appendices have been distributed  
to all concerned.

Corrigenda to Army Form G 1098-242.

A distribution of this Corrigenda has been made to  
all concerned.

*Army Forms revised.*

3. The following Army Forms have been revised.  
Previous prints are obsolete and should be wasted:—

Army Form B 55, "Billetings Order."

Army Form B 104-116, "Weekly Return of Strength  
(to include Detachments), Regulars."

A general distribution of this form has been made.  
Units not in possession of copies should indent in the  
usual way.

Army Form G 1096-18, "Inventory of Wagon, Pontoon  
(or Trestle), Marks III. to V."

This form should be indented for as required.

Army Form G 1096-81, "Schedule for Fighter, Mark I.,  
Aeroplane."

This form should be indented for as required.



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**A.O. 78** Tables of Regulations, Army Books and Forms, and  
**1917** Stationery, which will be taken into the field by the  
*continued.* Expeditionary Force :—

Army Form L 1398-1, "Headquarters, Cavalry Division;  
Division."

Army Form L 1398-1A, "Headquarters, a Cavalry  
Brigade ; an Infantry Brigade."

Army Form L 1398-2, "Headquarters, Cavalry Divi-  
sional or Divisional Artillery."

Army Form L 1398-3, "Headquarters, Cavalry Divi-  
sion or Divisional Engineers."

Army Form L 1398-4, "Cavalry and Yeomanry Units :  
A Cavalry Regiment."

Army Form L 1398-11, "An Infantry Battalion, a  
Labour Battalion, a Pioneer Battalion, an Entrench-  
ing Battalion."

Army Form W 3281, "Report on Appeal Tribunals  
by Military Representatives."

Army Form W 3282, "Report on Applications to Local  
Tribunals for exemption."

Supplies of W 3281 and W 3282 should be indented  
for as required by Officers Commanding Recruiting  
Areas.

Army Form G 1096-91, "Schedule for R.E. 8 Aero-  
planes."

A distribution of this form has been made to all  
concerned.

*Mobilization Store Tables.*

Army Form G 1098-13A, "Anti-Aircraft Gun Section  
(two 13-pr. Q.F. Guns)." Dated December, 1916.

Army Form G 1098-33B, "Headquarters of a Wing,  
Royal Flying Corps." Dated December, 1916.

Army Form G 1098-38A, "A Corps Signal Company  
(France)." Dated January, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-38D, "A Cable Section." Dated  
January, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-62A, "A Cavalry Field Ambu-  
lance (4 Motor Ambulance Cars and 4 Light Horse  
Ambulance Wagons)." Dated December, 1916.

Army Form G 1098-77, "Remount Units :—(1) Dépôt  
Headquarters, (2) Squadron. Dated January, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-81c, "Signal Troop with Cavalry  
Brigade (Canadian Cavalry Brigade)." Dated  
December, 1916.

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- Army Form G 1098-149, "A Railway Company (Construction)." Dated December, 1916. **A.O. 78 1917**  
 Army Form G 1098-152, "Headquarters Corps Heavy Artillery." Dated December, 1916. *continued.*  
 Army Form G 1098-161, "An Auxiliary (Omnibus) Company, A.S.C." Dated December, 1916.  
 Army Forms G 1098-200, "An Army Auxiliary (Horse) Company (Light Draught Horses or Mules)." Dated December, 1916.  
 Army Form G 1098-203, "A Machine-Gun Company." Dated December, 1916.  
 Army Form G 1098-219, "Cyclist Company, Divisional Mounted Troops (Salonika "4")." Dated January, 1917.  
 Army Form G 1098-281, "A Composite Field Artillery Brigade." Dated December, 1916.  
 Army Form G 1098-240, "Anti-Aircraft Brigade (Home Defence) Headquarters and 3 Batteries, each of 6 Q.F. 13-pr. A.A. Guns." Dated January, 1917.  
 Army Form G 1098-241, "A Machine-Gun Squadron—British Cavalry." Dated December, 1916.  
 Army Form G 1098-280, "Supply Columns for Serbian Army." Dated December, 1916.

*Mobilization Store Tables (T.F.).*

- Army Form 1099-4, "A Yeomanry Regiment of a Mounted Brigade (Home) (T.F.)." Dated December, 1916.  
 Army Form 1099-8, "A Composite Field Artillery Brigade (Home Service)." Dated January, 1917.  
 Army Form G 1099-22, "A Signal Troop with a Mounted Brigade (Home)." Dated December, 1916.

Supplies of the above Mobilization Tables have been distributed to the A.Ds. O S. of Commands and Chief Ordnance Officers concerned.

*Appendices to Army Form G 1098-33c.*

- Appendix "C," "List of Spares for De-Havilland Scout No. 2 Aeroplane."  
 Appendix "C D," "List of Spares for 120-h.p. Beardmore Engine."  
 Appendix "I," "List of Spares for Martinsyde G 100 (120-h.p. Beardmore or 160 Beardmore)." This form supersedes the Appendix I published in August, 1916.

A distribution of these three Appendices made to all concerned.

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*Army Forms cancelled.*

1917  
*continued.*

4. The following Army Forms have been cancelled:—  
Army Form B 118A., "Signal Register."

### *Mobilization Store Tables.*

Army Form G 1093-38c, "A Motor Wireless Section."  
Army Form G 1093-139, "An Electric Lighting Section  
for Divisional Headquarters (Mediterranean)."  
Army Form G 1093-155, "Mechanical Transport Com-  
pany, A.S.C., allotted to 24th Brigade, R.G.A."

### *Appendix.*

Appendix F G to Army Form G 1098-33c, "100-h.p.  
French Monosoupape Engine."

### MEMORANDA.

The "Continuation Sheet" of Army Form G 965,  
"Bill of Lading (Home)" will in future be known as  
Army Form G 965A.

Army Form G 936, "Precautions against Fire ; Instruc-  
tions *re* Fire Piquets, &c. (Poster)."  
Army Form G 937, "Fire Escape Appliances, &c. ;  
Instructions for Care and Management (Poster)."

Amending slips have been printed in connection with  
these two forms. Indents should be preferred for  
sufficient slips to cover the supplies of these forms in  
hand.

### ERRATUM.

Army Form G 1098-274 was, through a printer's  
error, described in Army Order 43 of January, 1917  
(page 29), as "An Army Anti-Aircraft Park (R.F.C.)"  
instead of "An Army Aircraft Park (R.F.C.)."

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**LIST OF CHANGES IN WAR MATÉRIEL, &c.,  
AND AMENDMENTS TO THE PRICED  
VOCABULARIES OF CLOTHING AND NE-  
CESSARIES, PARTS I. AND II., AND OF  
STORES, PART I.**

A list of changes in war matériel and patterns of military stores which have been approved and sealed, with instructions relating thereto, is issued herewith to all concerned.

A.C.D.	Lists of amended and additional rates for the Priced Vocabulary of Clothing and Necessaries, Parts I. and II., and of the Priced Vocabulary of Stores, Part I., have been approved, and copies will be issued to all concerned.
Estab.	
7993	
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Vocab.	
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*By Command of the Army Council,*



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## APPENDIX TO ARMY ORDER 66.

## VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENTS.

Counties, &amp;c., are arranged in alphabetical order.

## ENGLAND AND WALES.

No.	Detachment.	Classification.	By whom organized.
69	Lancashire, East ...	Men's ...	} St. John Ambulance Brigade.
266	" " ...	Women's ...	
72	Lincoln ...	" ...	} British Red Cross Society.
41	Middlesex ...	Men's ...	
90	" ...	Women's ...	} County Association.
116	Nottingham ...	" ...	
118	" ...	" ...	} British Red Cross Society.
27	Worcester ...	Men's ...	
92	" ...	Women's ...	} St. John Ambulance Brigade.

## SCOTLAND.

4	Bute ...	Women's ...	British Red Cross Society, Scottish Branch.
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## IRELAND.

56	Dublin, County of...	Women's ...	St. John Ambulance Brigade.
4	Kerry ...	" ...	British Red Cross Society.

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